

# LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO

## SECOND PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, March 18.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock p.m.

### PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Paxton—Of Township Council of Reach, that no aid be granted to the Port Whitby and Port Perry Railway, to the detriment of the Township; also four petitions from Reach that the School Act may not be amended in the matter of Districts.

By Mr. Farewell—Of Township Council of Whitby, that the bonus granted by them and other Municipalities to the Port Whitby and Port Perry Railway be refunded proportionately.

By Mr. Lauder—Of John Klein and others, of Bruce, for amendments to School Act respecting the German population.

### MR. STRIKER.

Mr. STRIKER called attention to the fact that the veracity of his statement of his not having paired with Mr. Gifford on the motion for the reception of the Report of the Committee on the Eastern Orange Bill had been questioned; and as that gentleman was now in his seat he brought the matter up for settlement. He had paired with Mr. Gifford only as a member of the Committee.

Mr. MACDONALD said he had not questioned the hon. gentleman's veracity at the time, nor did he do so now.

Mr. GIFFORD fully and frankly corroborated Mr. Striker's statement.

### TORONTO, GREY, AND BRUCE RAILWAY.

Attorney-General MOWAT moved: "That this House doth ratify the Order in Council approved by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the twelfth day of March, A. D. 1873, with reference to the aid granted to the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway Company, which Order is to the following effect:—The Committee of Council have had under consideration the application of the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway Company, and they advise the former Order of the 26th of March, 1872, being considered as lapsed, as to the said Company; that subject to the ratification of this Order in Council by resolution of the Legislative Assembly (in default of which ratification this Order in Council is inoperative), the payment which was by the said Order of the 26th of March, 1872, authorized to be made out of the Railway Aid Fund to the said Company, of a sum equal to \$2,000 per mile, for that portion of their railway between Harriston and Wingham, under the condition therein mentioned, in favour of the Wellington, Grey, and Bruce Railway Company, be now made to the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway Company, freed from such condition, and that the said last mentioned Company be entitled to receive payment at the mileage rate aforesaid, limited to the number of miles between Harriston and Wingham, for that portion of the said Company's Railway which is between Harriston and Teeswater. The Committee further advise that the said grant be subject to the following condition, namely:—The Railway Company shall, before the first day of July next, furnish proof to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of the existence of a *bona fide* and sufficient contract for the completion of the works, exclusive of track laying, on that portion of their railway extending from Harriston to Teeswater. The Committee further advise that payment be authorized in respect of any portion of the railway between Harriston and Teeswater (limited to the extent of the mileage distance between Harriston and Wingham) not less than twenty miles in length, on the fulfilment of the condi-